

ENGLAND'S WOMEN DO MUCH FOR POOR

Society Leaders Provide Unemployed With Work.

DREAM OF REPUBLIC GONE

Reverence for Throne Almost a Religion—Herring's Gift to Salvation Army.

By LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—It is true to say that nowadays women who hold a high position in society, and who are endowed by fortune, are ashamed of leading absolutely idle lives.

The ideas of the women of today range over a wide area. Organization is almost part of woman's training, and she turns a business faculty to good account for the benefit of her fellow creatures. Many women in English society rival the most acute business man in their enterprises, and woman's talent for organization has never been better developed or more widely recognized than among those who have undertaken to place the wares of their less fortunate neighbors in the market.

Lady Aberdeen was the first woman to start the Irish industries. Many will remember that in the Chicago exhibition she had an exhibit of her own, consisting of Irish laces, linens, tweeds, and homespun. These industries have been now largely developed, and she undoubtedly will push them yet further from the vantage ground of the viceregal life.

The Duchess of Sutherland has restored activity to many village homes, and has been unwearied in her plans for opening sales for her homespun and beautiful Scotch materials. The industry has been valuable to the crofters, who during the long winter months had no means of obtaining a living, and she certainly has solved the problem in those northern lands of keeping men and women constantly employed, which is a wiser way than waiting to give them artificial work when they are unemployed. The reason why these Scotch materials are so beautiful is that they are dyed with sea-weed from their own wild coasts, and the tints thus secured are unobtainable in any other way.

Lasts Forever.

It is said that the Harris tweed never wears out. As an illustration I have been told that two suits were sold to a couple who wished to be dressed alike on their tandem bicycle. Year after year the same dress was worn by man and woman, but at the fifth year a friend met them and found that they no longer donned their Harris tweed, but lo, the same opened and five little children came in clothed in the identical material, still as good as ever.

The Duchess of Abercorn has been busy likewise in Ireland. Lady Londonderry, Lady Cadogan, and Lady Arthur Hill have revived the art of lacemaking, and have taken infinite pains to push the Irish wares in Paris. Lady Dudley, the late viceroy's wife, has also encouraged the manufacture, and given days and months to schemes for the betterment of the Irish peasant. Away in Killybegs, Lady Kenmare has organized a new industry in the shape of inland furniture, which is as beautiful as anything that can be found in Italy, and in England Lady Warwick has turned her attention to gardening as an occupation for women.

These activities go to show that such women realize the responsibility that they owe to those around them who have been less favored by fortune, but who have an equal right to happiness.

Howells Grasps Situation.

Much interest is evinced in England on the paper of W. D. Howells, called "English Idiosyncrasies," lately published in the North American Review. Mr. Howells has, it seems to me, taken a grasp of the situation in England which is rare. He has seen that the youth and innocence of Victoria saved the monarchy, that loyalty to the throne had practically died down in the darker days of the Georges, but when the Queen died, he says, not a vestige of the republican dream remained.

And yet Mr. Howells sees how truly democratic is the English nation, and that although loyalty to the throne has become almost a religion, it is a reverence not so much for the individual as for the idea that lies behind the King. But side by side with this I think there is something more.

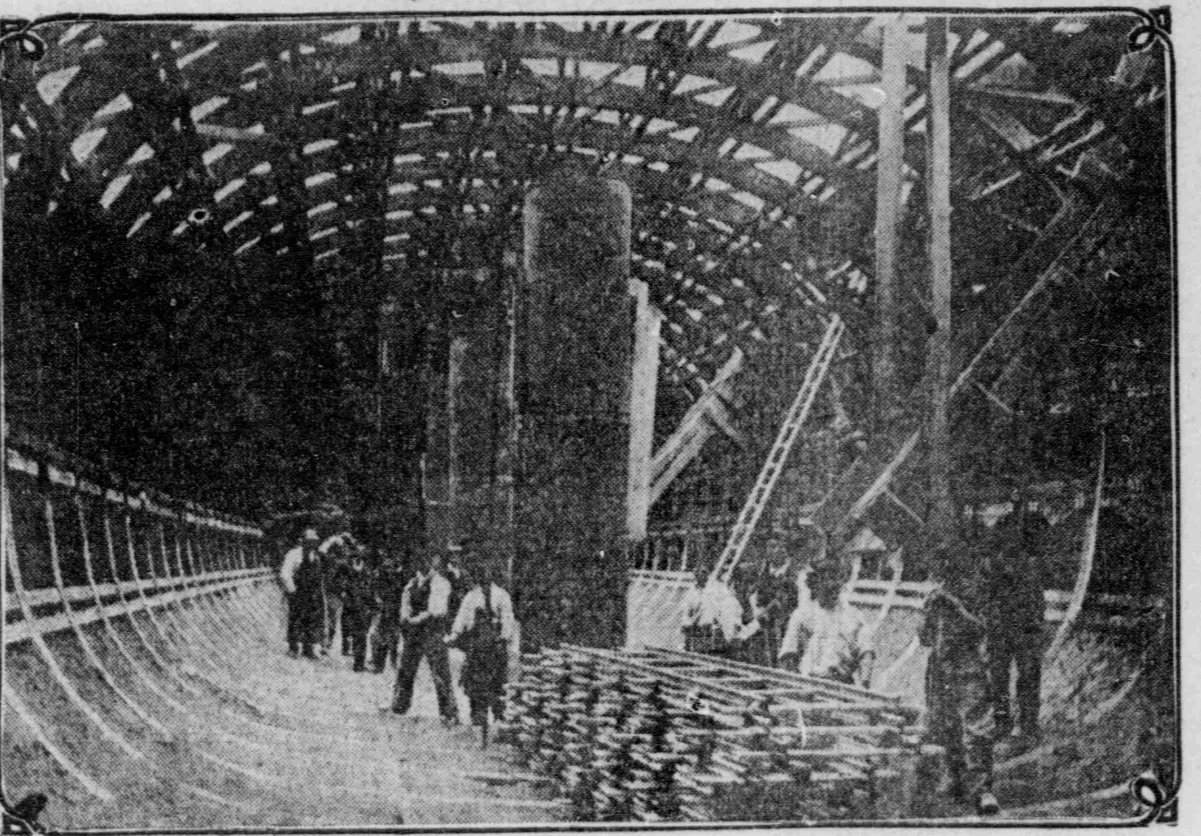
We are in England arriving at a point when the survival will be the King and the masses. The welfare of the people comes first, the conventional ruler second, and if for the throne there is a pious loyalty, it is well so long as it combines with the principle that the monarchy exists for the people's good. If it means this (and I believe it does), I feel loth to disturb any feeling of reverence that may exist in the minds of men, for we need a deeper reverence, not so much for a human institution, as for the divine institution of humanity. This reverence for humanity means that the sacred trust of the good of every man must be the first consideration of the real patriot.

A Pathetic Figure.

There is something pathetic in the story that comes from Paris, where Paul Maurice was buried on Thursday last. This man was Victor Hugo's executor, and guardian of his only surviving daughter, Adèle Hugo. For years this old lady of seventy-five has lived in a small country house not far from Paris, under the care of two nurses. She is immensely rich, but she has no notion of her wealth, and she spends all her time in working hard for a living, as she believes, by writing plays which are never produced. Now and then she is taken to Paris to be present at a matinee, and the little shrunken figure sits in a corner looking on, believing that the work is her own, and when there is applause, bowing to the audience from the box. Occasionally she sends little notes asking the actors to alter this or that rendering, and as she leaves the theater she invariably remarks:

"If only my strength would permit me to attend rehearsals! They acted well enough, but it is easy to see that the actresses' final touch was wanting." And yet, perhaps, the poor old woman is happy. She has entered that period which we call "second childhood," and sometimes if we only believed it,

MAIN LINES OF THE GREAT UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN PARIS, WHICH ARE NOW NEARING COMPLETION



GREAT STEEL TUBE BEING SUNK UNDER RIVER SEINE.

Hyde Invades Paris In Blaze of Splendor

Proposes to Startle French Capital With the Magnificence of His Entertainments—Grand Mansion Being Embellished.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Paris society is looking forward with great anticipation to the splendid series of entertainments which it is said that James Hazen Hyde intends to give this winter in an effort, no doubt, to efface the sad memories of his last weeks in his native country.

Decorating Mansion.

Weeks before his arrival here decorators and artisans of all kinds had been kept busy making his splendid mansion, in the very center of fashionable Paris, fit to receive the former vice president of the Equitable, and it is said that nearly a million francs was spent to this end.

The young millionaire arrived most unostentatiously, with his valet and secretary, and was driven straight from the Gare St. Lazare to his future home, where an army of well trained servants

in gorgeous livery were waiting his arrival.

The livery which he has chosen for his footmen is more showy than Parisians are used to seeing since the days of the Second Empire, consisting of purple coats trimmed with braids of silver, yellow silk breeches, white silk stockings, and shoes with silver buckles.

Would Outdo Castellane.

When the young American millionaire will give his first affair is not yet known, but it is said that he will endeavor to surpass even the recent entertainment given by Count and Countess de Castellane, of which Paris is still speaking.

If he succeeds in this it is safe to say that the late Jay Gould's little son-in-law will try to do him one better, and Paris society will benefit by this rivalry.

there is a beautiful meaning in the name; for it is not a time when wants become few, and people live in a land of make-believe again, and are happy in it as the children.

Herring's Gift.

Mr. George Herring has given the Salvation Army the magnificent gift of £100,000 to establish a new scheme for the unemployed. The people are to be taken back to the land, and every settler is to be taken from the ranks of the unemployed, provided with suitable land and a cottage, stock, seed, and implements. The sums expended on him are to be debited from his gain, so that eventually the whole money he has cost will be returned in annual installments.

Does this mean the first step toward an exodus from the city? Has Mr. Herring equipped the children of England in order that they may leave the bondage and slavery of the city market, for the stillness, peace and blessing of the country? It may be that a charter has been given which shall be the beginning of a better and truer prosperity for England. Such schemes are only experiments, but, in the end, experiments serve to prove what can be done, and if General Booth's colonists are financially successful, there is no reason why the acres of uncultivated country in this beautiful island should not again blossom as the rose, not for the benefit of the few but for the enjoyment and support of the many. It is with real hope that we are looking toward this scheme, and we believe the Salvation Army will do fine pioneer work, which can ultimately be taken up not as a charity, but as the right which should belong to self-respecting citizens.

Pantomime Reform.

We have had occasion during the last years to complain of the pantomimes which were produced for the benefit of children at Christmas time, but this year an entire reformation has taken place. Sir Frank Burnard, who is the head of "Punch," Mr. Wood and Arthur Collins have been writing the new pantomime, and have been careful to produce one which shall be understood by little people. They have taken out all jokes which might be twisted into a double meaning, all allusions that were

not fit for the ears of children, and therefore not fit for the ears of anyone.

In short, a real child's pantomime has been produced in the old story of "Cinderella dressed as a prince," but it is said that he will endeavor to surpass even the recent entertainment given by Count and Countess de Castellane, of which Paris is still speaking. If he succeeds in this it is safe to say that the late Jay Gould's little son-in-law will try to do him one better, and Paris society will benefit by this rivalry.

The exquisite representation of Barrie's "Peter Pan" with its charm and freshness and innocence was, I think, the object lesson which paved the way to better things. How true it is to say that it is of infinitely greater value to produce than to preach. You may rave against a thing for a thousand years, and no alteration comes, but give that for which people are asking, shorn of all harm and embellished by good, and you have effected a change which nothing else can produce. And so to Mr. Barrie is due the pantomime reform.

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CLOSING OF "CUBAN CLUB" ENDS GAMBLING ON ISLAND

HAVANA, Jan. 6.—The closing of the "Cuban Club," better known as the "Cuban Monte Carlo," marks the ending of big gambling in Cuba at least for the time being.

It has been said that the American syndicate running the club had squandered the police and that even the most had been bought.

Such reports are wholly incorrect. As a matter of fact neither the police or the press had been approached by the enterprising gamblers.

The leading papers of Havana would not allow themselves to be fixed, and anybody approaching an editor with a crooked offer ran the risk of running into trouble.



"Lay by something for a rainy day," said a gentleman to a man in his service. Not long afterward he asked the man how much he had saved. "Faith, nothing at all," was the reply; "I did as you bid me, but it rained very hard yesterday, and I spent it all."

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SOCIALISM CAPTURES ANOTHER COUNTESS

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Has Socialism "captured" another countess? Lady Lytton opened an exhibition of handicraft by the "Clarion Guild" at the hall of Clifford's Inn, where the beautiful countess discussed Socialism and art with advanced "Clarionites."

The Countess of Warwick, who had promised to open the exhibition, was

prevented by a cold, but she rightly

divined that the Countess of Lytton

could not resist the invitation to "a cozy

hall, bright fire and tea and coffee,"

which were among the attractions printed

on the invitation cards.

It was just another little triumph for

Socialism that, when one countess was

unable to attend from purely physical

causes, an equally charming person

should step into the breach so readily.

Lady Lytton seemed perfectly at home,

and made a charming little speech, full

of sincerity and feeling.

The principle which actuates the guild

is that its members shall do the best

work of which they are capable in the

production of everyday articles combin-

ing utility and beauty.

Walter Crane, the designer, was pres-

ent, and Lady Lytton said how much

Cuban People in Battle With Vice and Fever

Havana Authorities Take Steps to Better the Conditions Existing on the Island—Plague May Return at Any Time.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 6.—"Down with vice and yellow fever!" is the slogan of the public and the press.

And vice and fever are being most vigorously fought.

According to the health authorities, the outbreak of yellow fever, which so seriously threatened the island a few weeks ago, has been checked, and Cuba is once more free from the dangers of the dreaded scourge.

The work done by the sanitary authorities has been remarkable, and all credit is due them.

But the fact that the recent epidemic was prevented from spreading does not necessarily mean that Cuba is forever free from yellow fever.

Judging by present conditions Cuba is liable to suffer a new attack of the deadly plague at any time.

The sanitation, while better than it was during the Spanish regime, is not as good as it became under the American Government of intervention.

Even Havana, the capital and fore-

most city of the island republic, is solely in need of a more efficient sanitary system than it has now.

The streets, parks and "plazas" are clean, it is true; but the interior of the buildings, public and private, is far from clean.

What may be termed "home sanitation" is awful, and even the most aristocratic cafes and clubs are in need of the soap, brush and disinfectants of the health officials.

And if such conditions prevail in Havana, it is safe to assert that the situation in smaller towns must be still worse.

It is a very curious and difficult thing to understand how the Cubans, who are the cleanest and most scrupulous people on earth with their persons, should neglect to such extent their homes.

One seldom finds a Cuban—no matter how poor—who does not indulge in bathing once or twice a day, yet this same person will hardly pay any attention to the cleanliness of his home.

she admired people who spent their spare time so profitably. They were certainly endowed with a touch of the fairies' gift allotted to in story books—the love of occupation.

Some of the wood cuts, leather work and jewelry shown are surprising examples of the excellence attainable by amateur craftsmen.

WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER CLUBS IT WITH PRINCES

CANYON, Jan. 6.—William Rockefeller, brother of the multi-millionaire, John D., has arrived here in his automobile accompanied by his daughter. They will remain on the Riviera some weeks. Mr. Rockefeller has been elected member of the Automobile Club, the hereditary prince of Saxe-Meiningen and Walter Crane, the designer, was present, and Lady Lytton said how much

ROYAL MARRIAGE A GALA SPECTACLE

Spanish Nation to Celebrate Alfonso's Wedding.

WINE IN LIEU OF WATER

Will Conduct Monster Bull Fight as in Days of Old.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Great preparations are already being made for the wedding of the young King Alfonso of Spain, which is to take place during the traditional fetes of San Isidore.

Before the wedding Princess Ena will solemnly be received in the cathedral in the presence of the Cardinal Archbishop of Toledo, nine archbishops and forty bishops.

During the wedding festivities Madrid will be transformed into a gigantic garden of flowers. Roses and pinks will be brought by hundreds of wagon-loads from Seville, Malaga, Valencia, Alicante, and Murcia.

Grand processions in character will be organized by the students and women cigarreros, and the charming national dances will be performed by peasants from the provinces.

Monster Bull Fight.

Streams of white and red wine will flow from the fountains of Madrid in lieu of water on the day of the wedding. One of the most popular celebrations will be a monster bull fight, conducted with all the magnificence and pomp of ancient use.

Many changes are being made at the palace to prepare the apartments for the King and his bride. At present the Queen-mother occupies the rooms she had during the regency, and the King those he had during his minority, and considerable rearrangements will, of course, be made.

The Princess Ena will have her private apartments on the first floor or the palace, where an army of workmen are engaged in making the necessary transformation.

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Combination Bookcases Solid Oak Combination Bookcase, book shelves, drop-leaf desk, mirror top. Regular \$23 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$14.50 Handsome Quartered Oak Combination Bookcase, glass door, drop-leaf desk, shaped mirror top. Regular \$20 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$19.75 Large Three-wing Combination Bookcase, highly polished quartered oak; heavy plate glass doors; fully equipped desk; regular \$42 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$29.50	Iron Beds Substantial White Enameled Iron Bed, built of continuous bent tubing; regular \$3 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$1.49 Very pretty Enameled Iron Bed, well built of continuous bent tubing; strong and rigid; regular \$4 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$2.50 Excellent Enameled Iron Bed, new and graceful design; best and most substantial construction; regular \$8 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$5.75 Handsome enameled Iron Beds in white, blue and green; gold trimmed; continuous bent tubing construction; regular \$15 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$9.50	Couches Full-size Couch, strong frame, good springs, upholstered in velvet; regular \$35 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$3.95 Solid Oak-frame Couch, Best springs, upholstered in velvet or verona, full tufted; regular \$35 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$5.75 Handsome full tufted Couch, modern spring construction, upholstered in French verona; regular \$35 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$11.50 Full tufted Pantostyle Leather Couch, very best construction; regular \$35 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$12.75	Extension Tables 5-ft. Oak-Finish Extension Table, highly polished; regular \$8 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$3.95 6-ft. Solid Oak Extension Table, fluted legs; regular \$7.50 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$4.75 6-ft. Quartered Oak Pedestal Extension Table, highly polished and nicely carved; regular \$15 value. Stock Reducing Price... \$12.50
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